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Dear Comm. Kessler:

In recent months, I've reduced my sugar intake, in order to reduce the number of calories I consume.

As a substitution, I have turned to Equal — a sugar substitute containing aspertame. To satisfy my sweet tooth, I use about 8 packets of Equal per day.

At the current time, aspertame contains no warnings advising that it can cause

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cancer, as is the case with Sweet + Low.

Considering the amount of Equal I ingest each day, I don't want to find out in ten years hence that it is a carcinogen.

Please advise me if there is any danger in using aspartame, in the quantity that I currently use it.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely yours,
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